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RE: Letter of Intent from the State of New Mexico to apply for funding under the Underground Injection Control Class VI Grant Program

Dear Administrator Regan:

On behalf of the state of New Mexico, the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department ("EMNRD"), Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") submits this letter as notice of its intent to participate in the grant program authorized under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to support states interested in pursuing primacy over Class VI Underground Injection Control ("UIC") wells under the Safe Drinking Water Act ("SWDA"). Such primacy, if granted, would go alongside OCD's existing primacy delegations for certain Class I and II UIC wells.

Please send any follow up information pertaining to the grant program to the following OCD Staff:

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Thank you for this opportunity and assistance in establishing this new entity of the UIC program.

Respectfully submitted,

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Todd E. Leahy

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Cc: Sarah Cottrell Propst, Secretary, EMNRD
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